

head, and is said to feed from September to May on lichens and mosses growing on the trunks of trees.

Although quite small, the moth is very distinctive and is thus unlikely to have been overlooked, nor has it been found in a part of the country neglected by entomologists. We may reasonably surmise therefore, that it is a recent arrival in this country, though whether resident or not we have no means of knowing as yet.

The following is a detailed description of the imago. Wingspan 11-13 mm. Head dark bronzy fuscous, palpi long, orange with the terminal joint brown at the tip. Antennae ringed black and white. Thorax and abdomen dark fuscous, with some orange scales on the thorax; tegulae orange. Forewings bright orange; there is a short oblique fascia from the base of the costa to the dorsum, silver-metallic, edged with black. There are further fascias of the same colour at $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ from the dorsum not quite reaching the costa and these are joined by a longitudinal streak near the costa so that a shape approaching a rough rectangle is formed standing on the dorsum. There are dark fuscous spots on the costa at $\frac{3}{5}$ and near the termen and both these are more or less connected to a dark tornal spot. The cilia are orange. Hindwings dark grey.

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DIGITIVALVA PERLEPIDELLA (STAINTON) IN HEREFORDSHIRE.
 — Dr. M. W. Harper and I took this scarce moth on 21st and 23rd May, 1976 sparingly near Fownhope, and more commonly near Whitchurch in the extreme south-west of the county. Moths were flushed during the day, and seemed to fly quite freely in the evening sunshine. The larva feeds on *Inula conyza*.
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